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Subpart—Rules of Practice and Procedure Governing Proceedings to Formulate Marketing Agreements and Marketing Orders

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§ 900.1 Words in the singular form.

Words in this subpart in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand.

§ 900.2 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the terms as defined in the Act shall apply with equal force and effect. In addition, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) The term *Act* means Public Act No. 10, 73d Congress (48 Stat. 31), as amended and as reenacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 246), as amended.
- (b) The term *Department* means the United States Department of Agriculture.
- (c) The term Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.
- (d) The terms *Administrative Law Judge* or *Judge* means any administrative law judge appointed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3105, and assigned to conduct the proceeding.
- (e) The term *Administrator* means the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, with power to redelegate, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has been delegated or may hereafter be delegated to act in his stead.
 - (f) [Reserved]
- (g) The term "FEDERAL REGISTER" means the publication provided for by the Act of July 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 500), and acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof.
- (h) The term *hearing* means that part of the proceeding which involves the submission of evidence.
- (i) The term *marketing agreement* means any marketing agreement or any amendment thereto which may be entered into pursuant to section 8b of the Act.
- (j) The term *marketing order* means any order or any amendment thereto which may be issued pursuant to section &c of the Act, and after notice and hearing as required by said section.
- (k) The term *proceeding* means a proceeding upon the basis of which a marketing agreement may be entered into or a marketing order may be issued.
- (l) The term *hearing clerk* means the hearing clerk, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC.

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§ 900.3 Proposals.

(a) A marketing agreement or a marketing order may be proposed by the Secretary or by any other person. If any person other than the Secretary proposes a marketing agreement or marketing order, he shall file with the Administrator a written application, together with at least four copies of the proposal, requesting the Secretary to hold a